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Commissioner:

I, Masahiro Sone, declare and state as follows:

1. I believe that I am the original, sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application.

2. On or before October 29, 1999, I conceived the invention claimed in this application. I then prepared an invention disclosure generally describing exemplary embodiments of the invention and presented the invention disclosure to our patent attorney, John W. Eldredge of Christie, Parker & Hale, in a meeting held on or before October 29, 1999. A true and correct copy of the invention disclosure, except for the date

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and handwritten markings which have been redacted, is attached hereto as Exhibit A to this Declaration.

3. I worked diligently with our patent attorney to prepare a patent application describing and claiming the subject matter set forth in the invention disclosure. A draft of the patent application was forwarded to me by our patent attorney with a letter dated December 10, 1999. A true and correct copy of this letter and the draft patent application, except for the handwritten markings, is attached hereto as Exhibit B to this Declaration.

4. Upon receipt of the draft patent application I reviewed the application and drawings for completeness and accuracy. Following my review, I made corrections where appropriate and forwarded them to our patent attorney for incorporation into the patent application.

5. I received a finalized patent application with an email dated May 23, 2000, incorporating my revisions, and thereafter executed the patent application on October 3, 2000. A true and correct copy of this email is attached hereto as Exhibit C to this Declaration.

6. On October 5, 2000, the final patent application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

7. I declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United

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States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: March 1, 2004

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